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In re Application of: Mark Holtzapple, Richard Davison, Lee Lowery and Cesar Granda

Title: *Methods and Systems for Pretreatment and Processing of Biomass*

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1. 83 pages of Specification, including 86 Claims and Abstract;
2. 51 pages of Informal Drawings;
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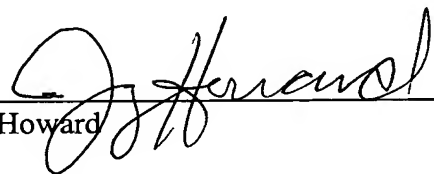
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